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REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application and in response to the Official Action of September 19, 2005.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, and 12 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 7 and 9 have been amended. Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, and 12 remain in the application.

Claims 1-5, 7-9, 11, and 12 stand rejected under 102 (b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5,247,450 to Clark et al.

Clark discloses an electronic timing system for glassware-forming machines. Clark discloses a master machine controller 10 separate from the individual section machine control units (see FIG. 1). Applicant has amended the claims to clearly recite that the central controller of the present invention is integrated in one or more of the drive, thereby obviating the need for a separate central controller. Support for the amended claims can be found in Para. [0039] of the instant application. With this arrangement, the drive units, which previously independently controlled the rotation speed and/or position of the various components of the glass forming machine, can now be used to control the entire glass forming machine. Such system is not disclosed or suggested in the prior art of record.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is considered patentably differentiated over the prior art of record and believed to be in immediate conditions for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are thus respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawing, then it is respectfully requested that such changes be made by Examiner's Amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance. If the

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Examiner feels that it might be helpful in advancing this case by calling the undersigned, applicant would greatly appreciate such a telephone interview.

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